

Political Organization  
Notice of Section 527 Status

OMB No. 1545-1893

General Information

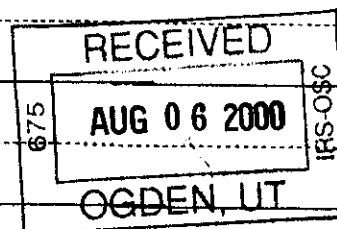
1 Name of organization <b>THE REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF SAINT MARY'S COUNTY MD</b>		Employer identification number <b>52 1921822</b>
2 Mailing address (P.O. Box or number, street, and room or suite number) <b>P.O. Box 537</b>		
City or town, state, and ZIP code <b>HOLLYWOOD, MD 20636-0537</b>		
3 E-mail address of organization <b>NO-E-MAIL PHONE 301-862-7665 FAX 301-862-3749</b>		
4a Name of custodian of records <b>SAMPSON E. BROOKS III TREASURER</b>	4b Custodian's address <b>29220 HEARTS DESIRE DRIVE MECHANICSVILLE MD 20659</b>	
5a Name of contact person <b>DONALD L. BROWN - CHAIRMAN</b>	5b Contact person's address <b>23360 PATUXENT VIEW ROAD LEXINGTON PARK MD 20653</b>	
6 Business address of organization (if different from mailing address shown above). Number, street, and room or suite number <b>22685 THREE NOTCH ROAD, SUITE D</b>		
City or town, state, and ZIP code <b>CALIFORNIA MD 20619</b>		

Purpose

7 Describe the purpose of the organization  
**TO BE THE GOVERNING BODY OF, AND THE OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN FOR...  
THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND IN CO-  
OPERATION WITH THE MARYLAND REPUBLICAN PARTY AND THE  
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
( FULL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS ARE ATTACHED )**

List of All Related Entities (see instructions)

8a Name of related entity	8b Relationship	8c Address



## List of All Officers, Directors, and Highly Compensated Employees (see instructions)

9a Name	9b Title	9c Address
DONALD L. BROWN	CHAIRMAN	23360 PATUXENT VIEW ROAD LEXINGTON PARK MD 20653
BARBARA R. THOMPSON	VICE CHAIRMAN	24744 SOTTERLY ROAD HOLLYWOOD MD 20636
MARY N. BROOKS *	SECRETARY	21940 MARANATHA WAY LEONARDTOWN MD 20650
SANFORD E. BROOKS III *	TREASURER	29220 HEARTS DESIRE DRIVE MECHANICSVILLE MD 20659
GLENN E. BAILEY	MEMBER	23538 HOLLYWOOD ROAD LEONARDTOWN MD 20650
WILLIAM R. DEXTER, JR	MEMBER	45884 S. POTTER COURT CALIFORNIA MD 20619
JOHN G. EVANS, JR.	MEMBER	23253 OAK HILL LANE CALIFORNIA MD 20619
TODD B. MORGAN	MEMBER	20740 CHESTNUT RIDGE DR LEONARDTOWN MD 20650
DENNIS K. RAMEY	MEMBER	P.O. Box 596 CHAPTICO MD 20621
* NON-VOTING MEMBERS		

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that the organization named in Part I is to be treated as an organization described in section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code, and that I have examined this notice, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Sign  
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Signature of authorized official

30 July 2000  
Date



**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE  
REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF  
SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**(Adopted February 18, 1999)**

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be “The Republican Central Committee of Saint Mary’s County, Maryland” (herein referred to as the “Committee”).

**ARTICLE II – PURPOSES**

The purposes of the Committee are to be the governing body of, and the official spokesman for, the Republican Party in Saint Mary’s County, Maryland; to cooperate with the Republican State Central Committee for the State of Maryland and with the Republican National Committee; to establish and operate an effective Republican political organization for Saint Mary’s County; to seek to register new voters as Republicans and to encourage those already registered otherwise to change their registration to the Republican Party; to secure the election of all duly nominated Republican candidates; to fill vacancies in, and in nominations for, public office; to coordinate and assist Republican activities in Saint Mary’s County; to engage in fund raising to support the activities enumerated above; to promote the principles, objectives, and platform of the Republican Party; and to engage in such other activities as are reasonably necessary and proper to accomplish the foregoing purposes.

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP:** In accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Republican Party of Maryland, the membership of the Republican Central Committee in any county in Maryland, having less than five (5) resident members of the House of Delegates, may have up to (9) members. The Republican State Central Committee must approve the actual number of members. The approved membership of the Committee is seven (7) members, elected at large.

**SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS:** Each member of the Committee shall be a bona fide resident of, and registered voter in, Saint Mary’s County. Each member of the Committee shall have declared their party affiliation to be “Republican” when registering to vote in partisan elections under Maryland law and under the law of any and all local jurisdictions and shall maintain such Republican registration throughout such member’s term of office.

**SECTION 3. TERM OF OFFICE:** The tenure in office of members of the Committee shall begin on the 14<sup>th</sup> day following the gubernatorial general election and run until the subsequent duly elected Committee takes office.

**SECTION 4. RESIGNATIONS:** Any member of the Committee may resign for any reason at any time provided that such member provides written notification to the Chairman of the Committee of such member's intent to resign and the effective date of such resignation. In the event that no effective date is specified in the written notification, such resignation shall be effective upon receipt of the written notification by the Chairman.

**SECTION 5. REMOVALS:** A member of the Committee who fails to appear at three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled meetings of the Committee, occurring over a period in excess of 60 days, or has absences of twenty-five percent (25%) per calendar year of regularly scheduled meetings of the Committee may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Committee members present and voting at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Prior notice to the member shall be given of the possibility of this action and notification of a removal shall be given in writing to the former member within three (3) days. Also, any member who fails to appear in person or by proxy at three (3) consecutive State Conventions may be removed with prior notice by a two-thirds vote of the voting strength present and voting at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee, after which the former member shall be notified within seven (7) days.

**SECTION 6. VACANCIES:** A vacancy shall exist upon the death, removal, resignation of a member, a change in registration other than Republican or change of residency from Saint Mary's County. Upon learning of any vacancy, the Chairman shall immediately give notice to the other members of the Committee of such vacancy. When the Committee considers the matter of filling a vacancy, nominations may be made by any member, and election shall be by a majority of the Committee. The Chairman of the State Central Committee shall fill vacancies existing for longer than ninety (90) days from the date of the vacancy by appointing any qualified person. Nothing prohibits the Committee from making the appointment prior to the State Chairman taking action.

#### **ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**SECTION 1. CALL TO ASSEMBLE:** Within four days after the gubernatorial general election, the newly elected member of the Committee who received the most votes of all persons elected as members of the Committee in the most recent gubernatorial primary election shall, upon at least seven days written notice to the newly elected members of the Committee, issue a call to assemble for the purpose of electing officers and conducting such other business that may properly be brought before the Committee. The newly elected member who issues the call to assemble shall act as the temporary Chairman of the organizational meeting until the Chairman is elected. In the event that such newly elected member fails to call such a meeting within four days after the gubernatorial election, the newly elected member who is first in the alphabetical listing of the newly elected members of the Committee, within five days thereafter, shall initiate the call to assemble and act as the temporary Chairman of the organizational meeting. The responsibility to issue the call to assemble and to serve as the temporary

Chairman shall progress down the alphabetical listing of the newly elected Committee members each five days thereafter until the call to assemble is issued.

SECTION 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The first order of business of the newly elected members at the organizational meeting shall be the election of officers.

### **ARTICLE V – OFFICERS**

SECTION 1. OFFICERS: The officers of the Committee shall be a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be members of the Committee. The Secretary and Treasurer shall not be required to be members of the Committee, but must be registered Republican voters in Saint Mary's County at the time of their election and throughout their term of office. The Committee shall elect all officers.

SECTION 2. CHAIRMAN: The chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the Committee; shall call regular and special meetings of the Committee; shall have general supervision over the affairs, activities and any employees of the Committee; shall submit an annual proposed budget to the Committee at the first duly called meeting of the year; shall supervise the expenditures of Committee funds; shall supervise and sign all financial reports required by Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland; shall make all committee appointments unless herein or by law otherwise provided; shall oversee the maintenance of all appropriate current and past Committee records; shall be the official spokesman for the Committee; and shall perform such other duties as are required by law and as usually pertain to the office of the Chairman.

SECTION 3. VICE CHAIRMAN: The Vice Chairman shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the Chairman and perform such other duties as are required by law or as may be prescribed by the Chairman and are incident to this office. In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall exercise all of the powers and perform all of the duties of the Chairman until such vacancy has been filled by the Committee.

SECTION 4. SECRETARY: The Secretary shall keep complete and accurate minutes (including attendance records) of all meetings of the Committee; shall be responsible for official notices and reports as required by law or by this Constitution and Bylaws; and shall perform such other duties as the Chairman shall assign and are incident to this office.

SECTION 5. TREASURER: The Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipt and, at the direction of the Chairman, the disbursement of all monies by and for the Committee; shall maintain the accounts for the Committee and shall maintain complete and accurate records of all receipts and disbursements; shall prepare, sign and submit all financial reports required by Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland to the Maryland State Administrative Board of Election Laws; shall submit an annual estimated budget to the Chairman prior to November 1 of each year; shall render periodic reports of

income and expenditures as required by the Chairman or the Committee; and shall upon request, account to and transfer to the successor Treasurer any funds belonging to the Committee at the end of his/her term.

**SECTION 6. GENERAL COUNSEL:** A General Counsel may be appointed by the Chairman with the advice and consent of the Committee to serve as legal adviser and Parliamentarian to the Committee and to perform such other duties as are incident to this office. The General Counsel need not be a member of the Committee.

**SECTION 7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Election of officers shall be held at the organizational meeting provided for in Article IV hereof and thereafter annually at the first duly called meeting of the Committee, following the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Officers shall be elected by majority vote. Each officer shall serve for a term of office lasting one year, or until such officer's successor is elected, whichever is later to occur. Officers may stand for re-election.

**SECTION 8. NOTICE OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS.** Within fifteen (15) days following the election of any officer(s), the Chairman shall notify the Maryland State Administrative Board of Election Laws and the Republican State Central Committee of Maryland of the names and addresses of the persons elected as officers.

**SECTION 9. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS:** At any regular or special meeting of the Committee, a vote may be taken to remove any officer from office (except the Chairman), provided that at least twenty days written notice has been given to all officers and members of the Committee of such intention. A two-thirds majority of the votes cast shall be required to effect removal.

**SECTION 10. FILLING OF VACANCIES:** A vacancy shall exist upon the death, removal or resignation of an officer. The Chairman shall immediately give written notice of a vacancy to the other members of the Committee. If an officer is removed, the vacancy shall be filled by majority vote taken at the same meeting. Except as otherwise provided in the preceding sentence, if a vacancy occurs, an election shall be held to fill the vacancy for the remaining term at the first duly called meeting of the Committee. Such meeting shall be held not less than seven (7) days after written notice of the vacancy is given to members of the Committee. If the vacancy is in the chairmanship, the Vice Chairman shall act as Chairman until a new Chairman is elected. Election shall be by majority vote.

## **ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS**

**SECTION 1. REGULAR MEETINGS:** Regular meetings of the Committee shall be held not less often than monthly. Such meetings shall be held at a location in Saint Mary's County that is convenient to the members of the Committee, normally the county headquarters facility.

**SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS:** Special meetings of the Committee may be called by the Chairman and shall be called upon a written petition to the Chairman by a majority of the members of the Committee. Such meetings shall be held in a location in St. Mary's County, which is convenient to the members of the Committee, normally the county headquarters facility.

**SECTION 3. NOTICE:** The Chairman shall give a least three days notice of any regular or special meeting of the Committee. The notice shall state the time, place and, insofar as practical, the agenda of the meeting.

**SECTION 4. PROXIES:** Proxies shall not be permitted at any meeting of the Committee.

**SECTION 5. QUORUM:** Representation from a majority of the then serving members of the committee shall constitute a quorum of the Committee at any meeting.

**SECTION 6. RULES OF PROCEDURE:** When not inconsistent with the provisions of this instrument or any other rules of procedure adopted by the Committee, Robert's Rules of Order (most recent edition) shall govern all meetings of the Committee.

## **ARTICLE VII - STANDING COMMITTEES**

There shall be the following standing committees: (1) Finance Development, (2) Political Operations, (3) Public Activities, (4) Fifth Congressional District and, (4) Public Policy. The chairs of the standing committees shall be appointed by the Committee Chairman, and serve at the pleasure of the Chairman.

**SECTION 1. FINANCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** This committee shall be responsible for development of fundraising programs and activities to support the Committee's County Political Plan, the presentation of these projects to the Committee for approval, and the implementation of such approved programs and activities. The Treasurer is a standing member of this committee.

**SECTION 2. POLITICAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** This committee is responsible for the development and implementation of activities and programs to reach the approved political goals in the Committee's County Political Plan; the development and leadership of county's Republican Precinct Organization; the identification, recruitment, training and support of Republican candidates; the public's education on Republican beliefs, issues and activities; the conduct of voter registration efforts and the acquisition and maintenance of political, legal and demographic information for the use of the Committee and Republican candidates.

**SECTION 3. PUBLIC ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:** This committee is responsible for organizing and/or coordinating Republican Party participation in public events such as parades, trade fairs, county fairs, oyster festivals and other such public events deemed appropriate by the Committee in which to participate to generate a favorable impression of the Republican Party.

SECTION 4. FIFTH DISTRICT REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE: The purpose of this committee is to get a Republican Congressman elected to represent Maryland's Fifth Congressional District. The members are from the five counties represented in the congressional district. There are three members from each county to include the Committee Chairman and two additional registered Republicans who need not be Committee members. This committee is a federal Political Action Committee (PAC) and must submit financial reports to the Federal Elections Commission (FEC).

SECTION 5. PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE: This committee is responsible for assisting the Committee Chairman, as party spokesman, in the development of public relations press releases, letters-to-the-editor or other statements to the public which express Committee opinion on issues or events made for public consumption. Such items normally will be presented to the Committee for review before release; however, when time constraints require more immediate action, a majority policy committee review will be considered adequate. Follow-up will be provided at the next scheduled Committee meeting.

SECTION 6. AD HOC COMMITTEES: In addition to the standing committees, the Chairman may appoint such other committees as deemed necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes and intent of the Committee.

## **ARTICLE VIII – POLICIES**

SECTION 1. NOTICES: Any notice provided for in this Constitution and Bylaws shall be deemed to have been given when received by the person to whom directed, or alternatively, when deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, to be delivered by regular, first-class mail, provided that any such mailed notice shall be addressed to a person at the most recent address provided to the Committee by such person. Any required written notice (except the written notice provided for in Article IV, Section 1) may be waived provided that a written waiver of any such required notice is executed by not less than four-fifths of the members of the Committee.

SECTION 2. FILLING VACANCIES IN NOMINATIONS FOR PUBLIC OFFICE. The Committee shall have such power as is conferred upon it by the law of Maryland to fill vacancies in nomination for public office. Whenever under the law of Maryland, the Committee is to act in filling such a vacancy, a meeting to fill the vacancy may be called by the Chairman upon seventy-two (72) hours notice.

SECTION 3. ENDORSEMENTS IN PRIMARIES: The Committee shall not endorse nor shall it support financially or in any other manner, any candidate, group of candidates, or "Ticket" prior to a Primary Election.

SECTION 4. CONFLICT: To the extent this Constitution and Bylaws may conflict with the State Republican Central Committee Constitution and Bylaws, the State Constitution and Bylaws shall govern.



## **ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

This Constitution and Bylaws shall take effect and be enforced when adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at a duly called meeting of the Committee and provided further that a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws was sent to each member with written notice of its proposed adoption at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at any duly called meeting by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members and provided further that notice of the proposed amendment was sent to each member of the Committee at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. The Chairman shall file with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws and with the Republican State Central Committee for the State of Maryland a copy of this Constitution and Bylaws within thirty days after its adoption and shall also file in the same locations a copy of any amendment to this constitution and Bylaws with thirty days after adoption.